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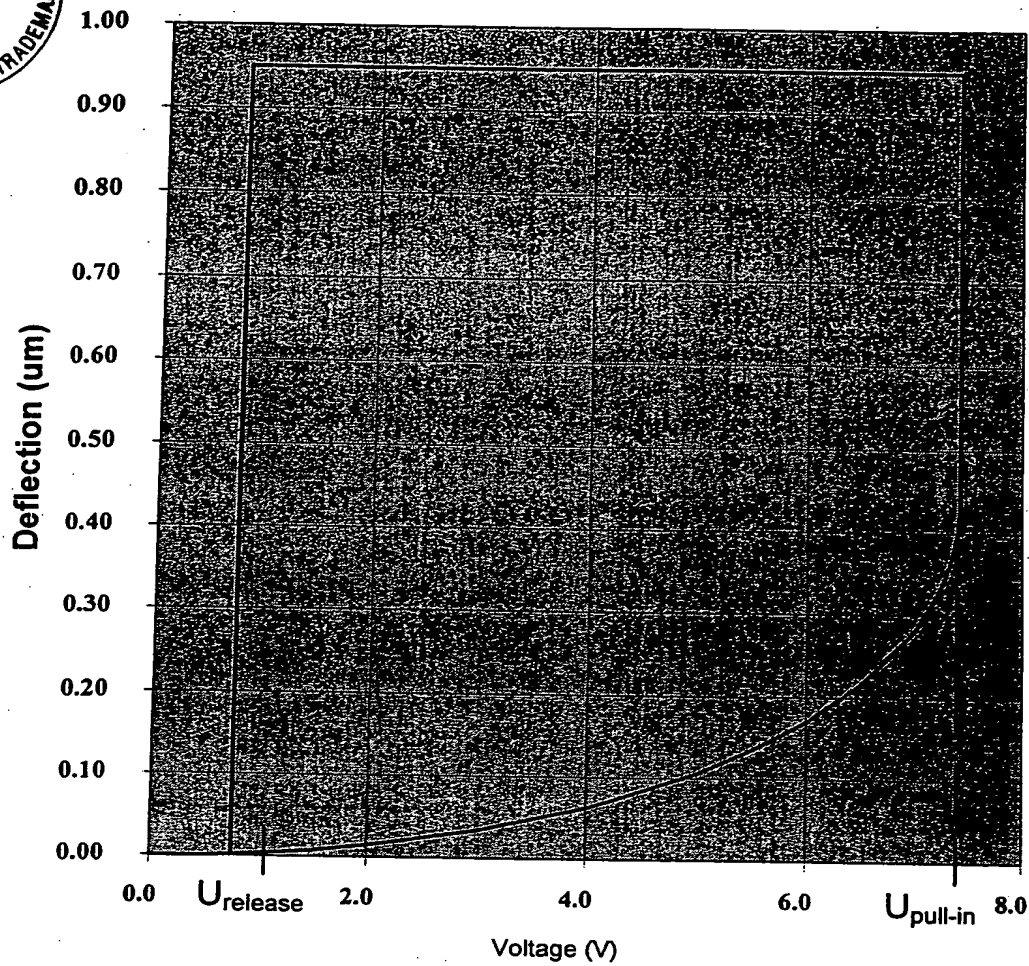
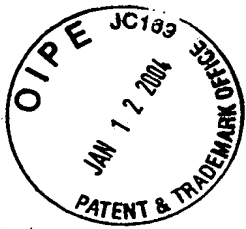


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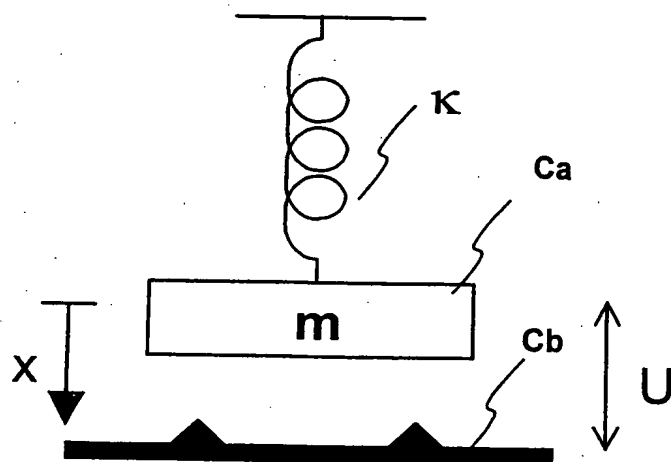


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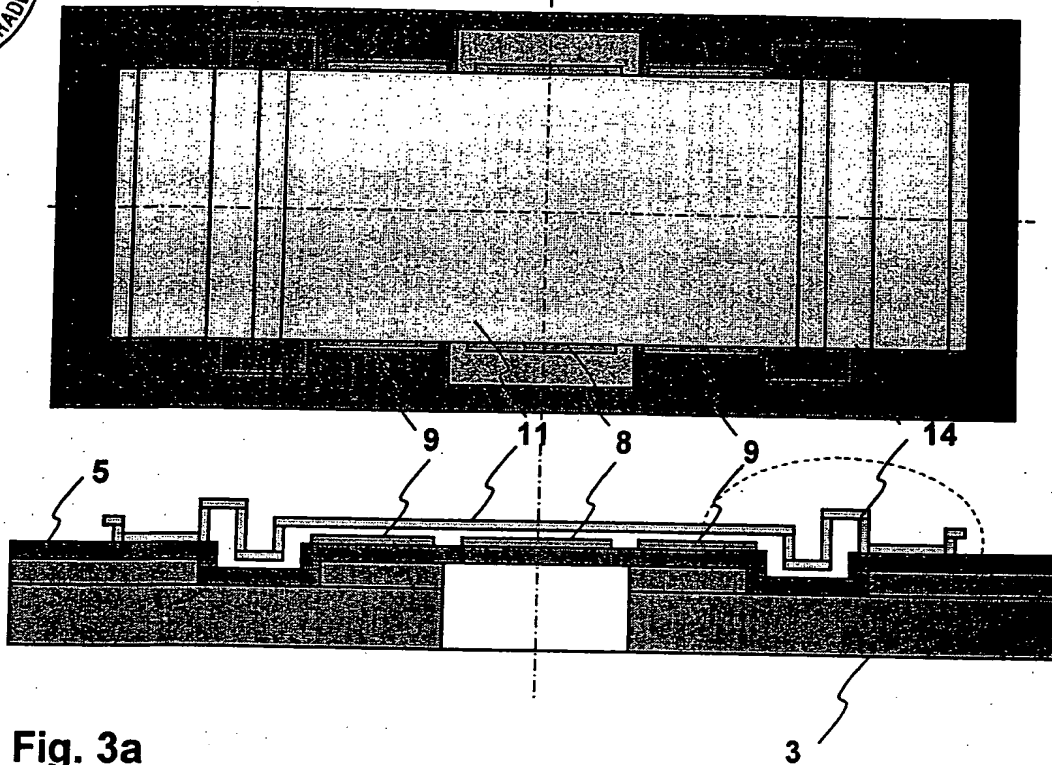
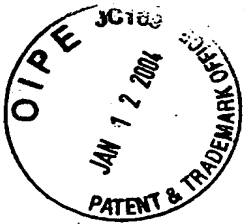


Fig. 3a

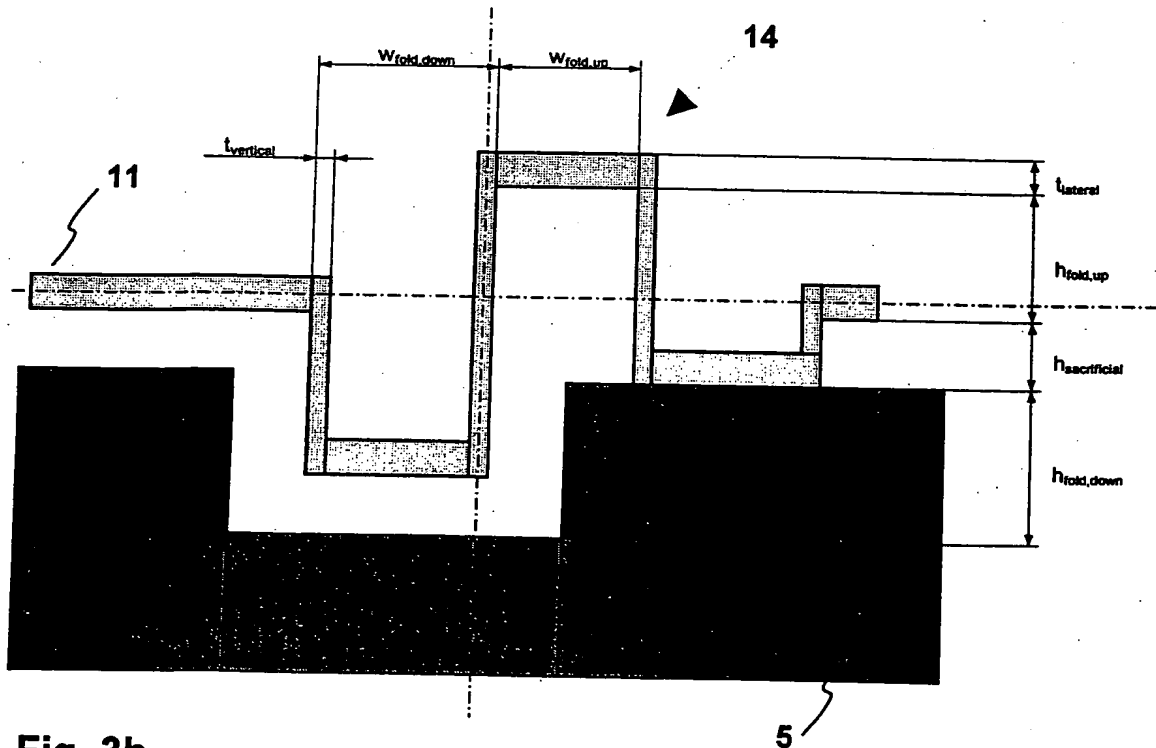
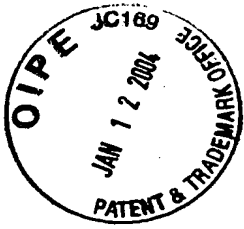


Fig. 3b



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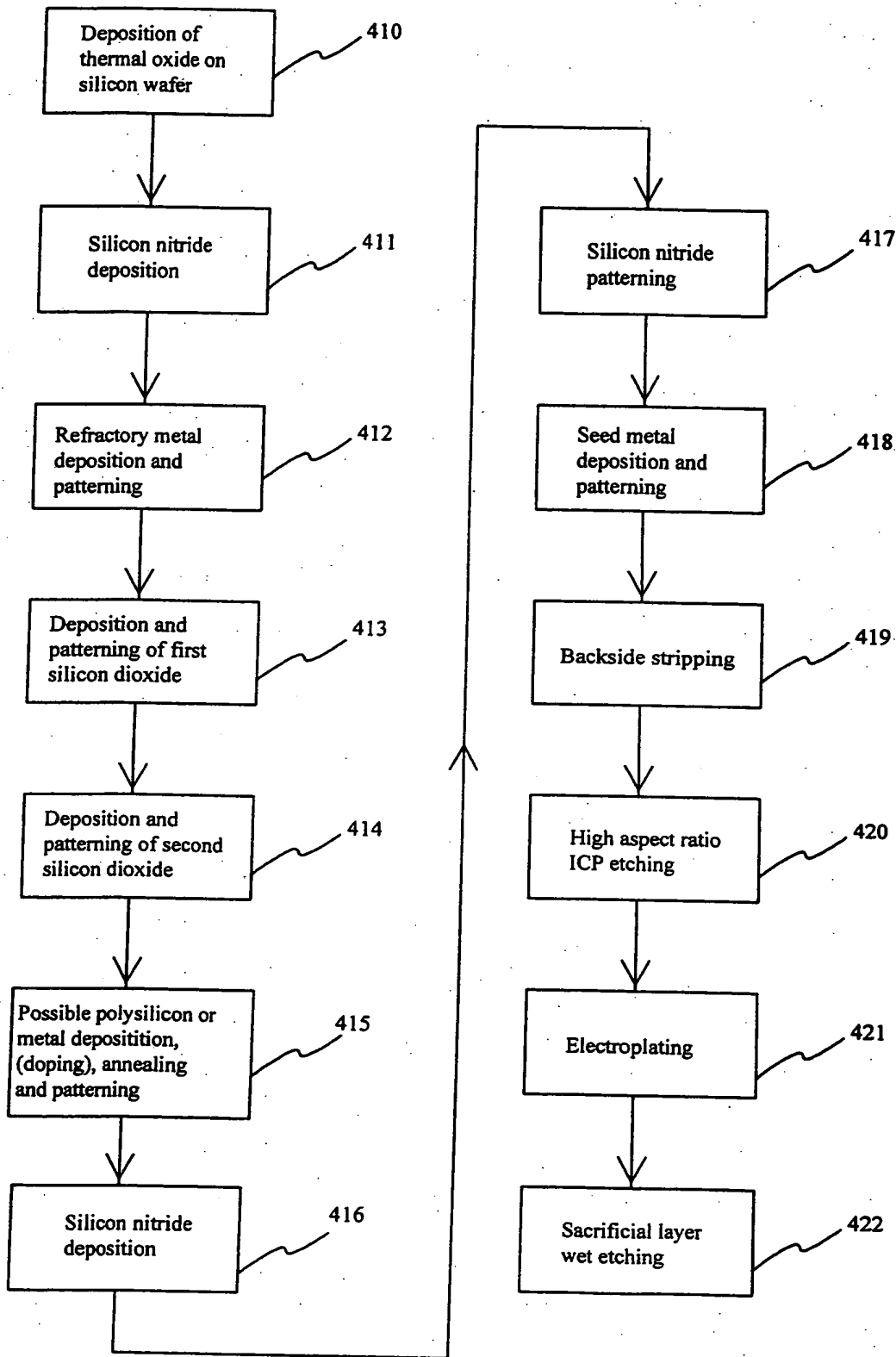
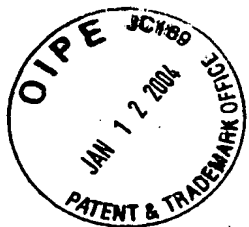


FIG. 4a



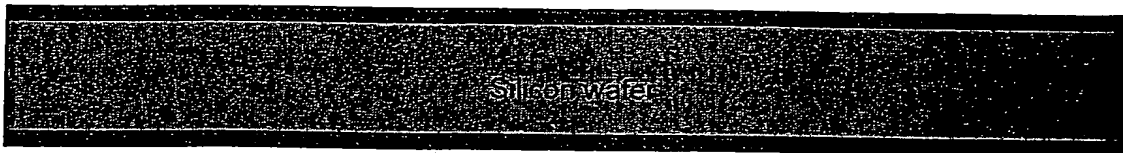
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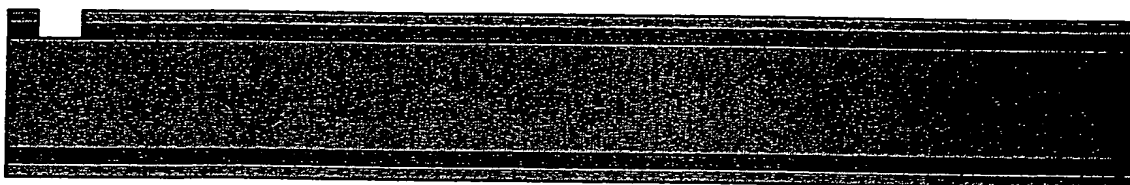
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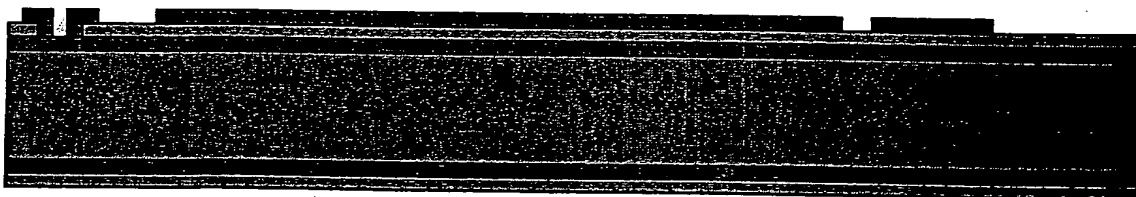
410 Thermal oxide ($\sim 1\mu\text{m}$)



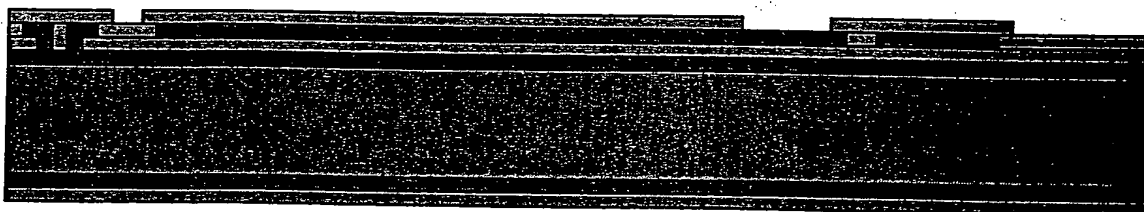
411 Silicon nitride deposition ($\sim 1\mu\text{m}$) and patterning



412 Refractory metal (molybdeen or tungsten) deposition and patterning



413 First silicon dioxide deposition and patterning (plasma) ($0.4 - 0.5\mu\text{m}$)



414 Second silicon dioxide deposition and patterning (plasma) ($0.5\mu\text{m}$)

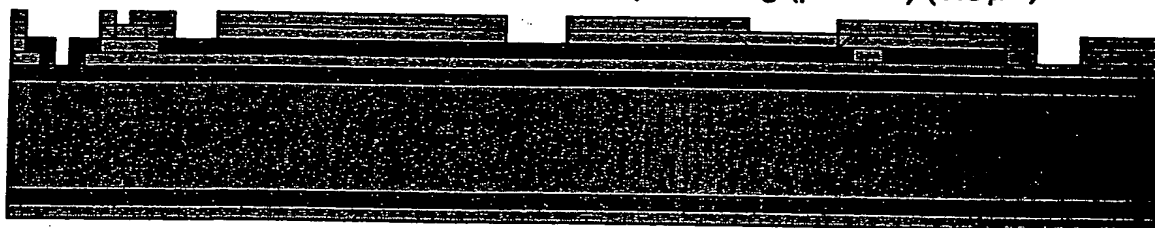
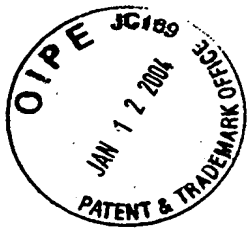
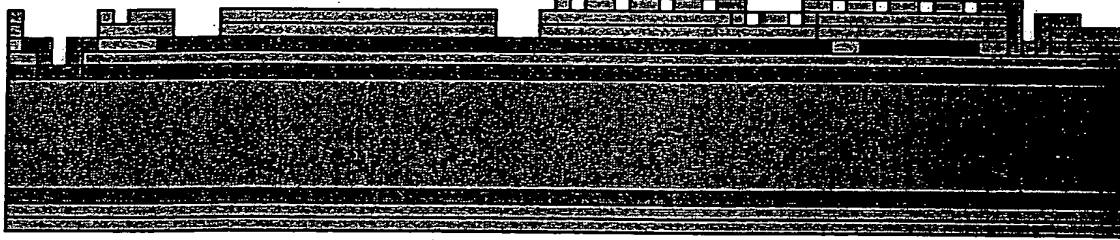


FIG. 4b



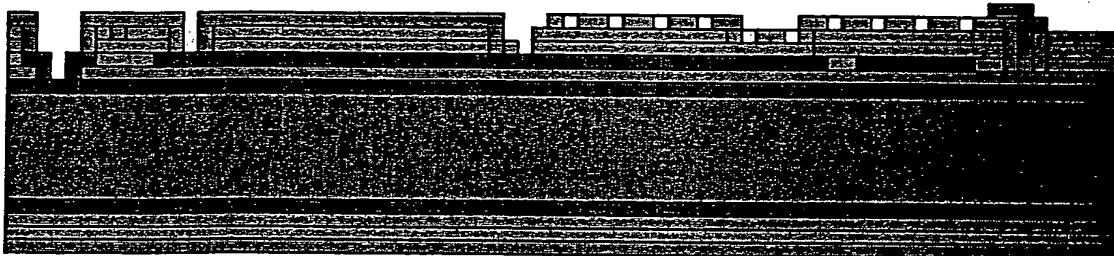
415 Polysilicon deposition (2-5 μm), doping, annealing and patterning;
(PolySi: $< 5 \Omega/\square$; tensile residual stress: 10 MPa)



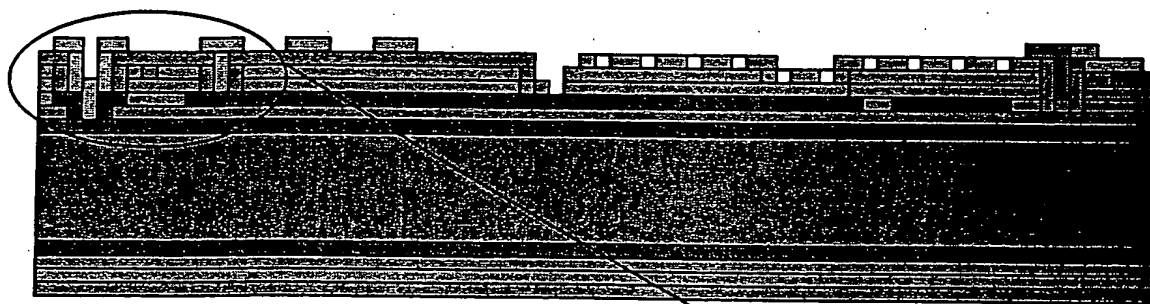
416 Silicon nitride deposition (0.3 μm)



417 Silicon nitride patterning (plasma)



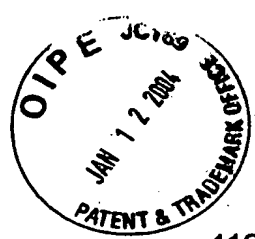
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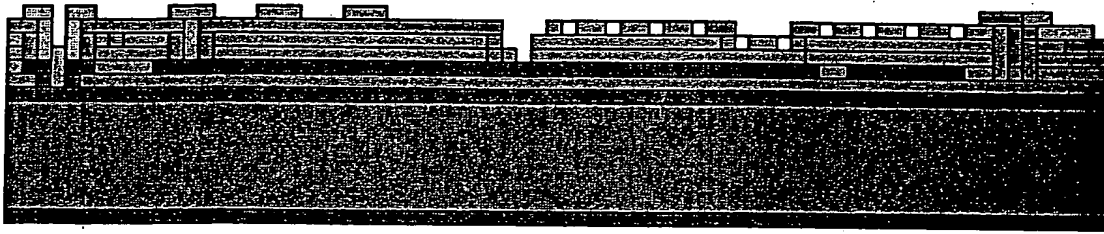
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800 nm SiO₂
500 nm TiW
1 μm SiN
1 μm SiO₂



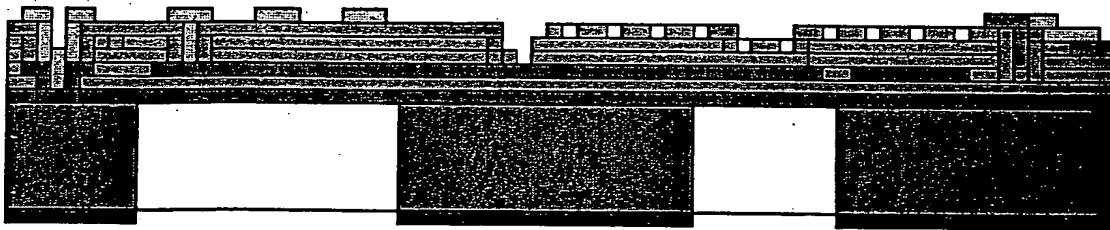
FIG. 4c



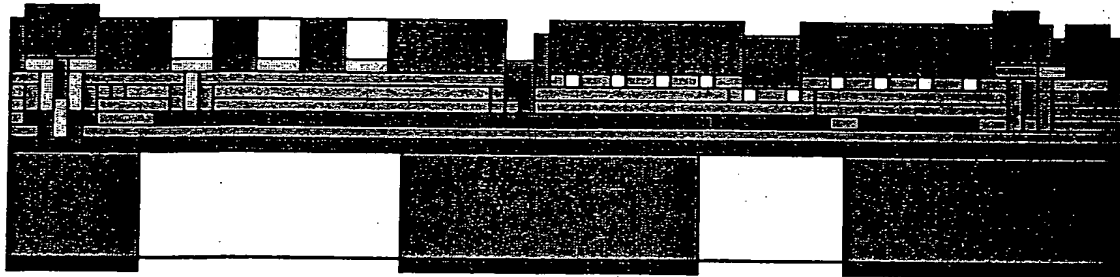
419 Backside stripping (plasma)



420 High aspect ratio ICP etching



421 Electroplating



422 Sacrificial layer wet etching (HF)

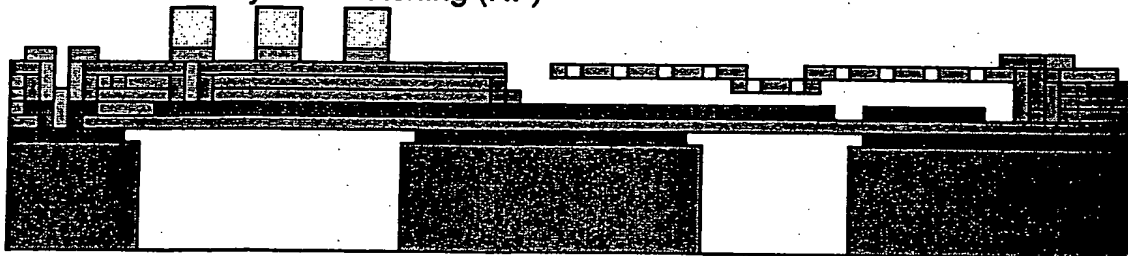
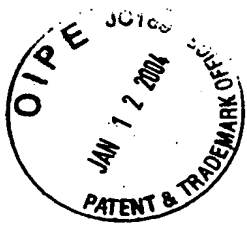


FIG. 4d



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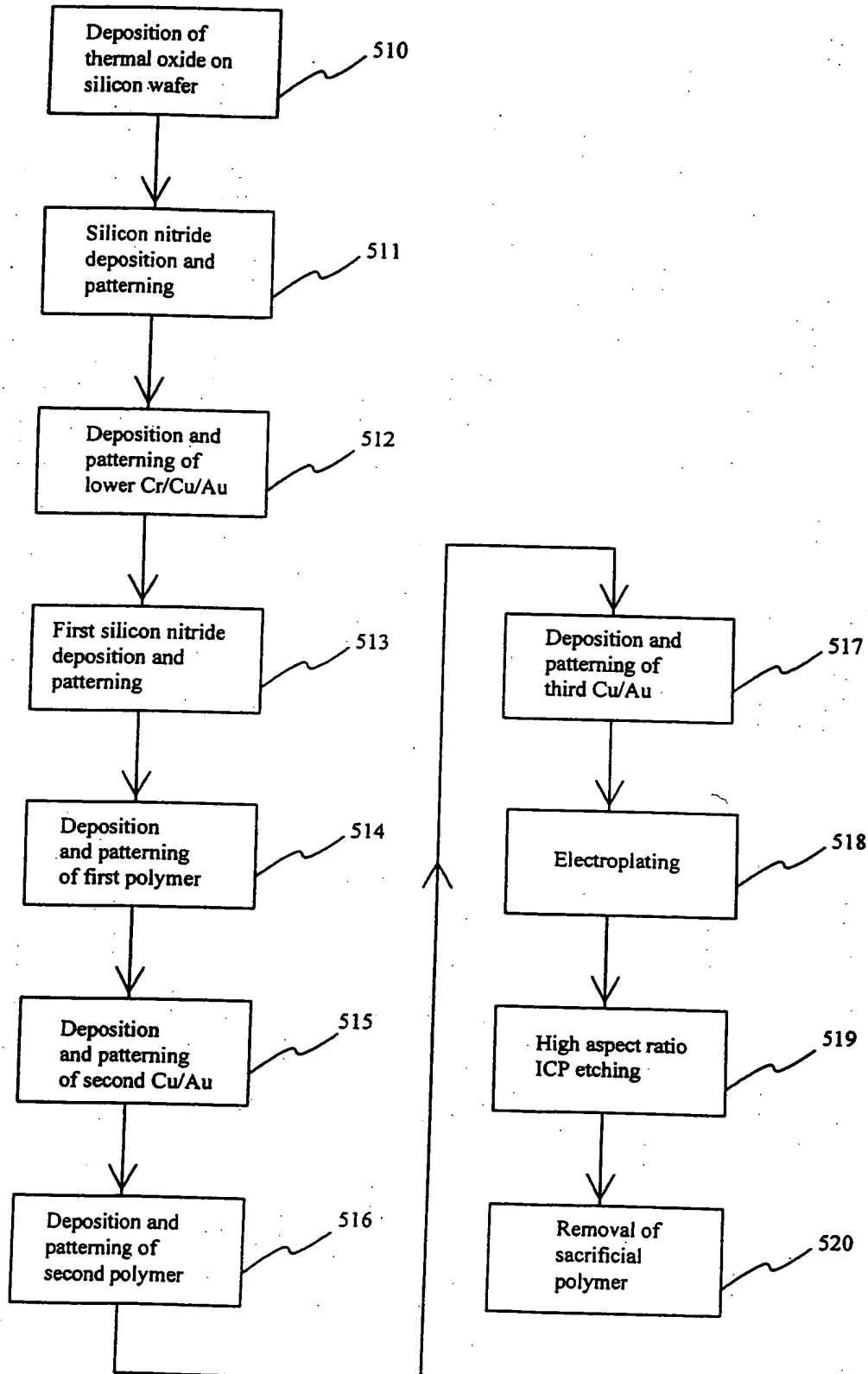
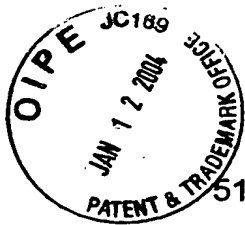
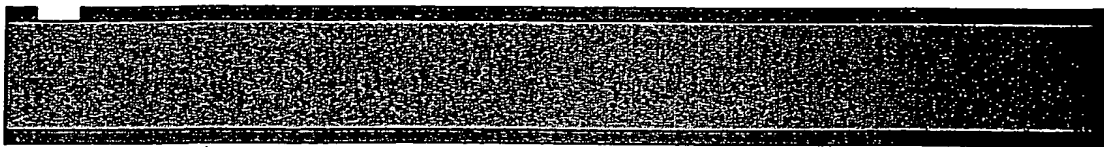


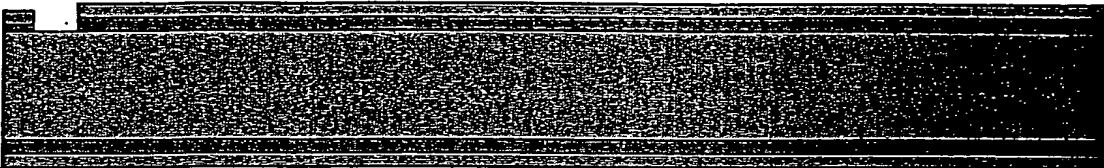
FIG. 5a



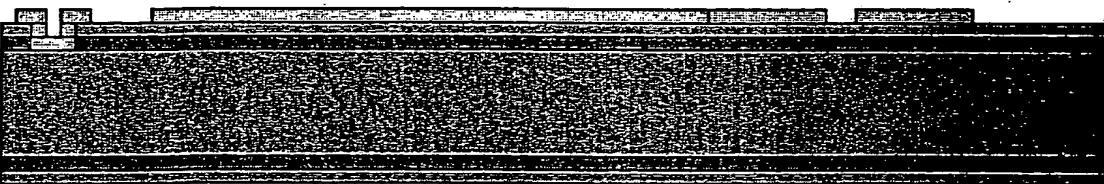
510. Thermal oxide ($\sim 1\mu\text{m}$)



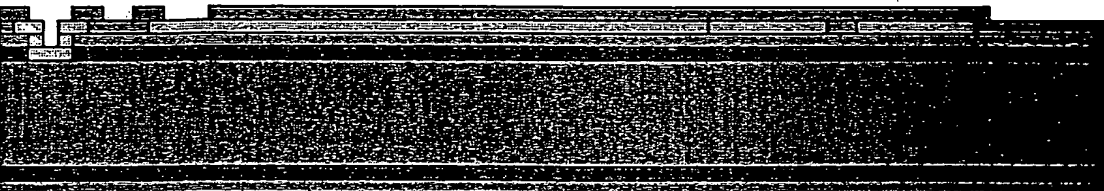
511 Silicon nitride deposition ($\sim 1\mu\text{m}$) and patterning



512 Lower Cr/Cu/Au deposition and patterning



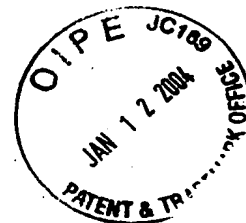
513 Silicon nitride deposition ($0.2 - 0.3\mu\text{m}$) and patterning



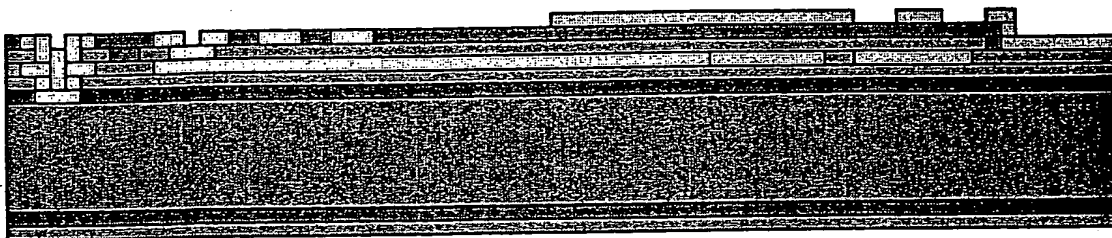
514 First polymer deposition and patterning



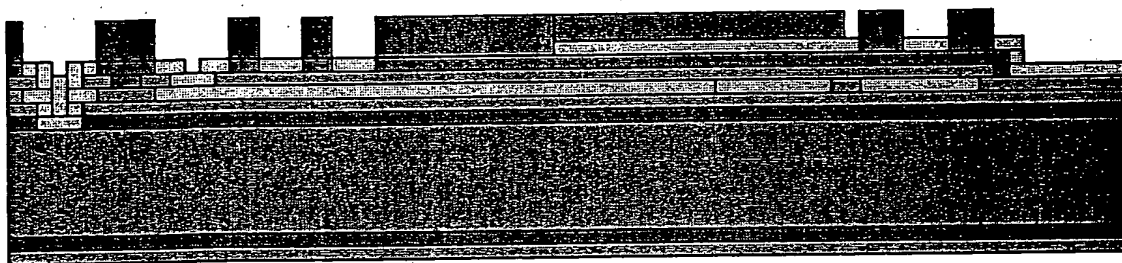
FIG. 5b



515 Second Cu/Au deposition and patterning



516 Second polymer deposition and patterning



517 Third Cu/Au deposition and patterning

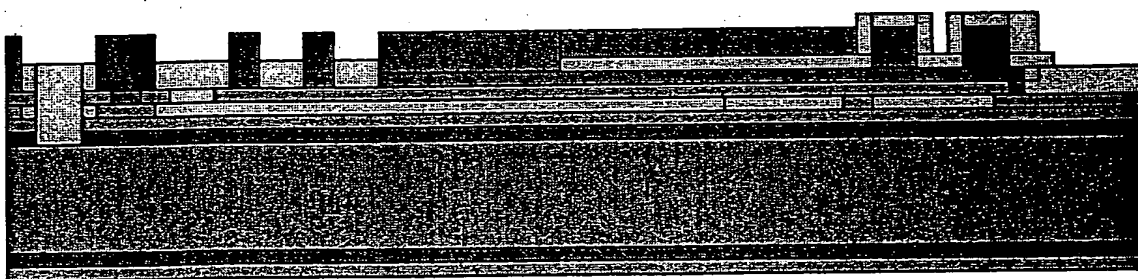
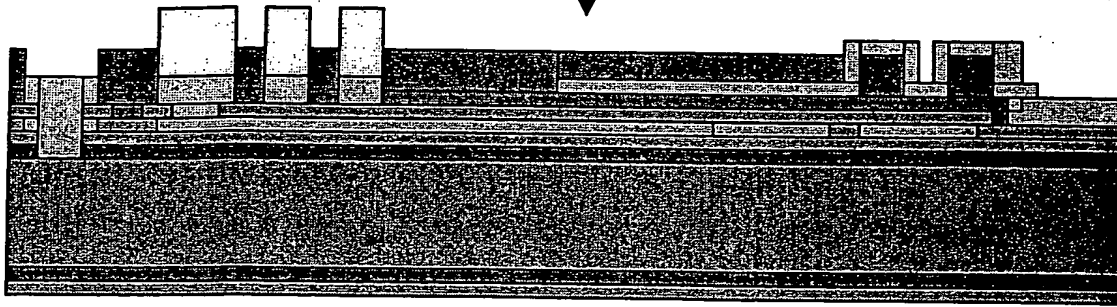


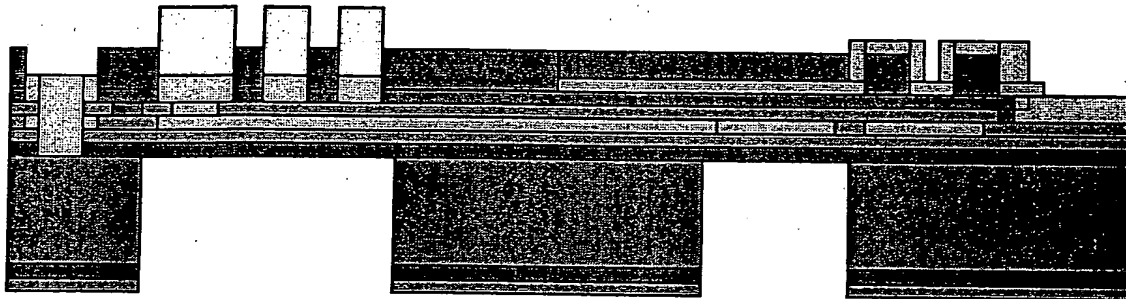
FIG. 5c



518 Electroplating



519 High aspect ratio ICP etching



520 Sacrificial polymer removal

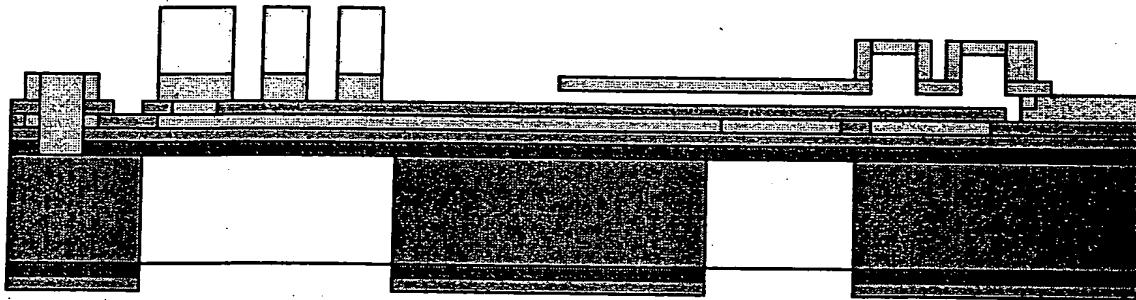


FIG. 5d

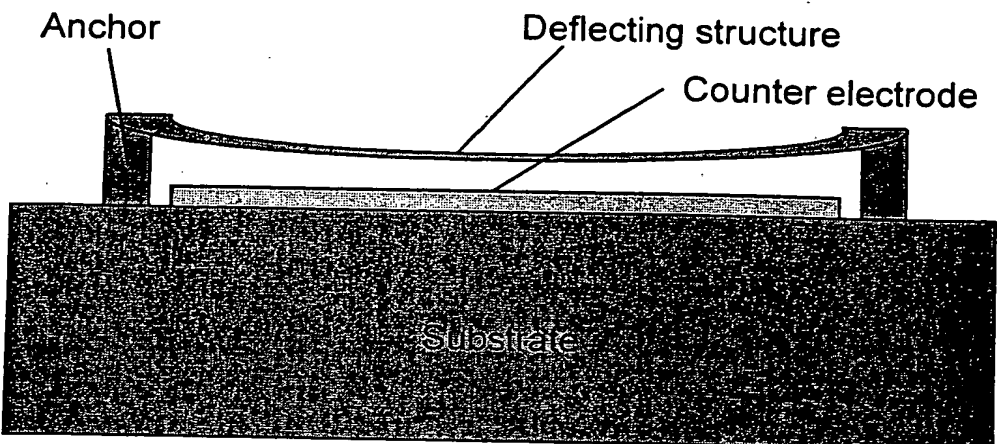
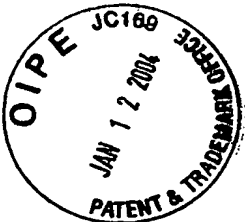


Fig. 6a
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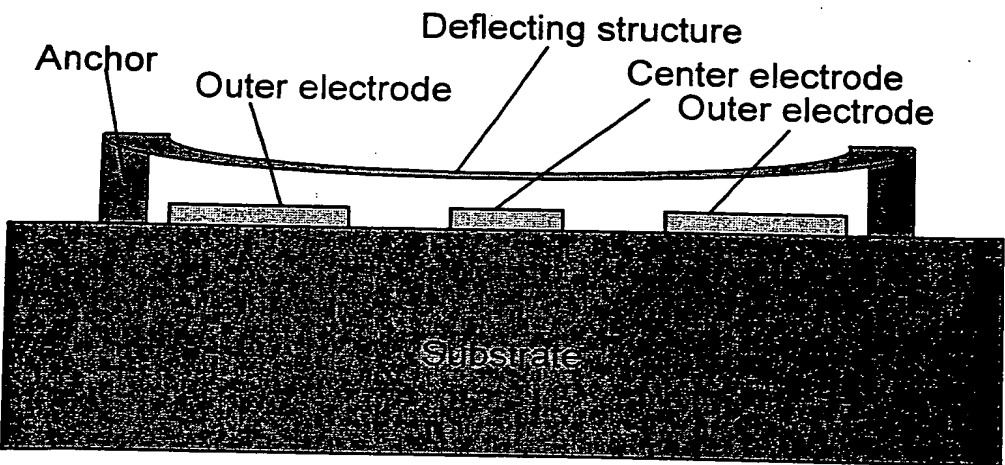


Fig. 6b

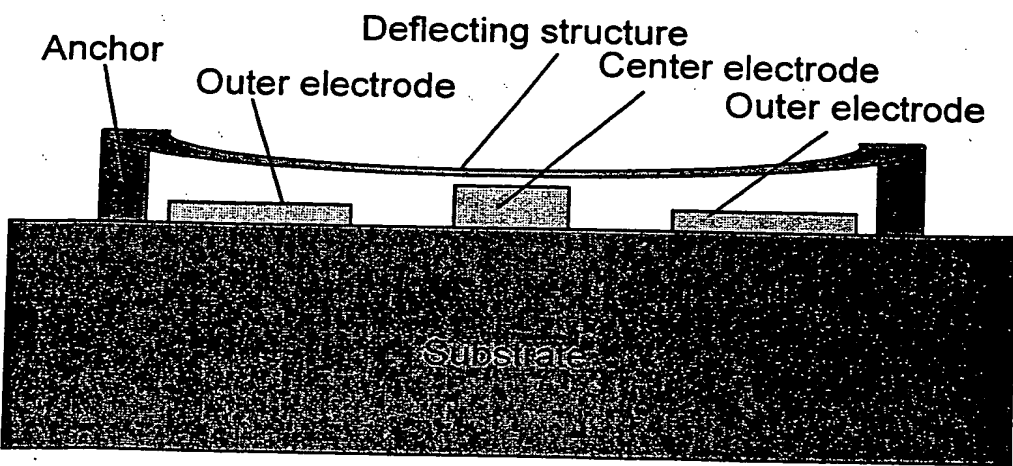


Fig. 6c

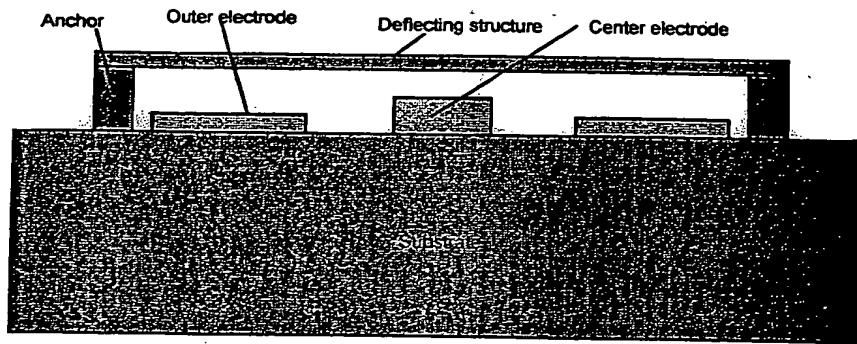
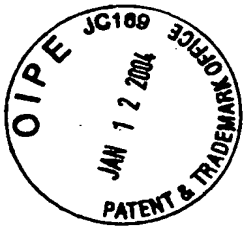


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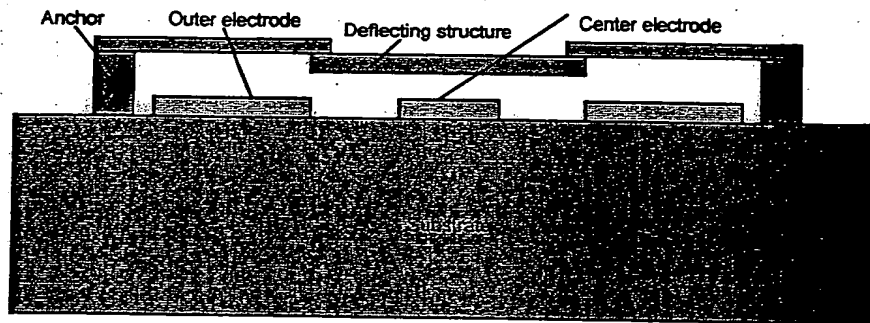


Fig. 7b

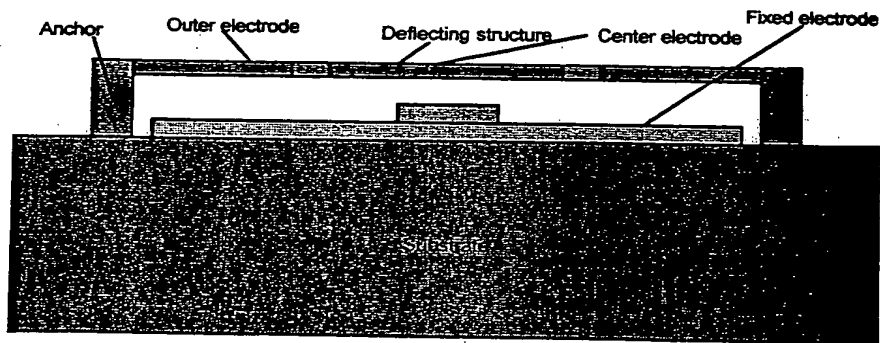


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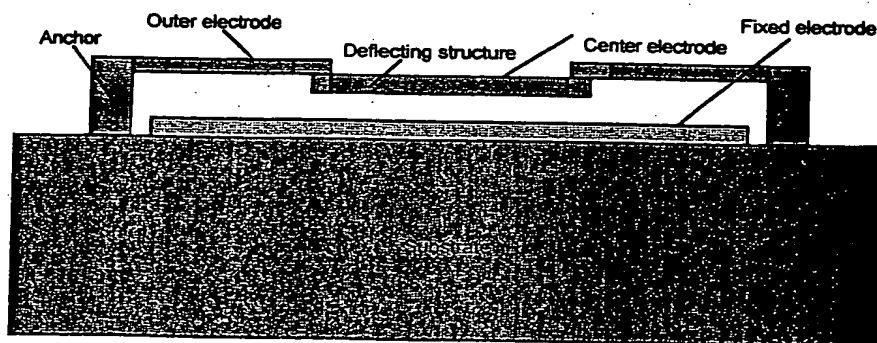


Fig. 7d

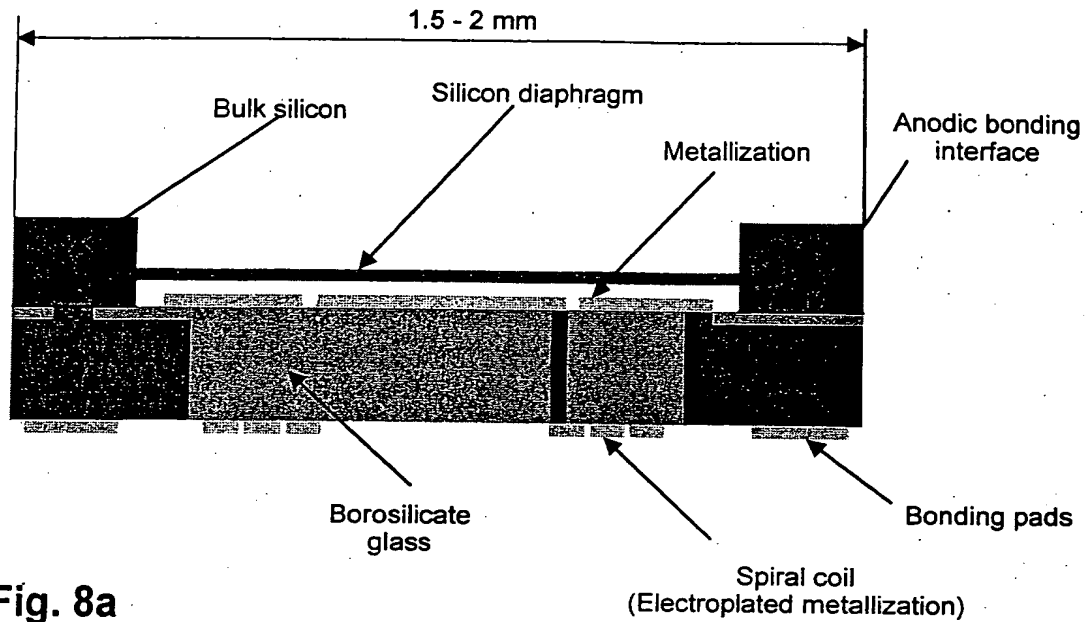
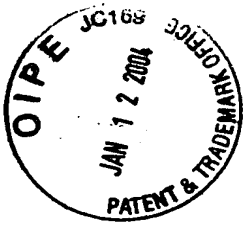


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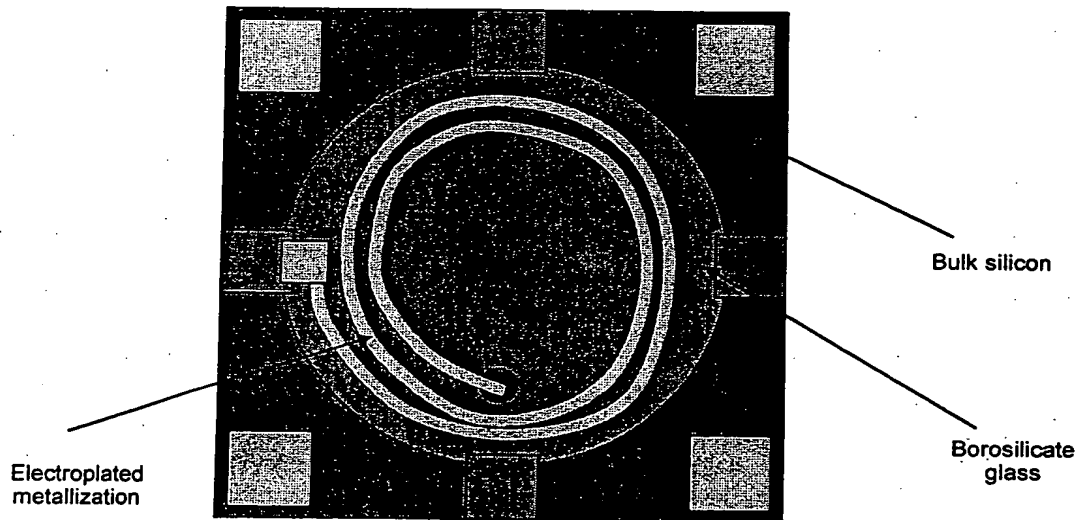


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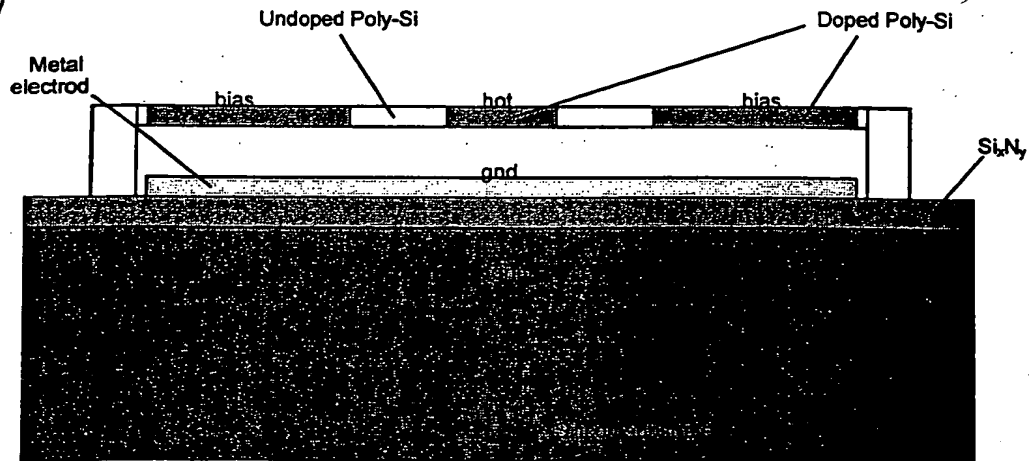


Fig. 9

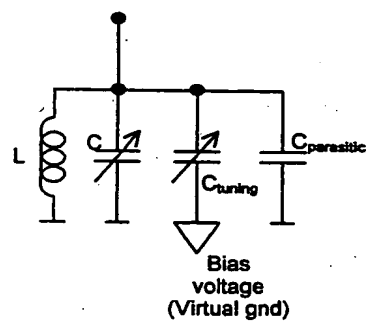
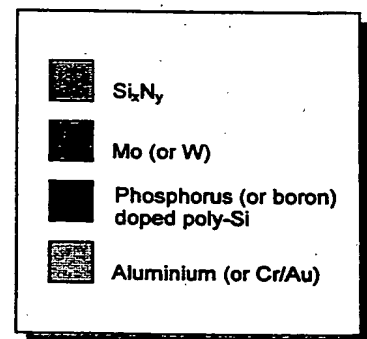
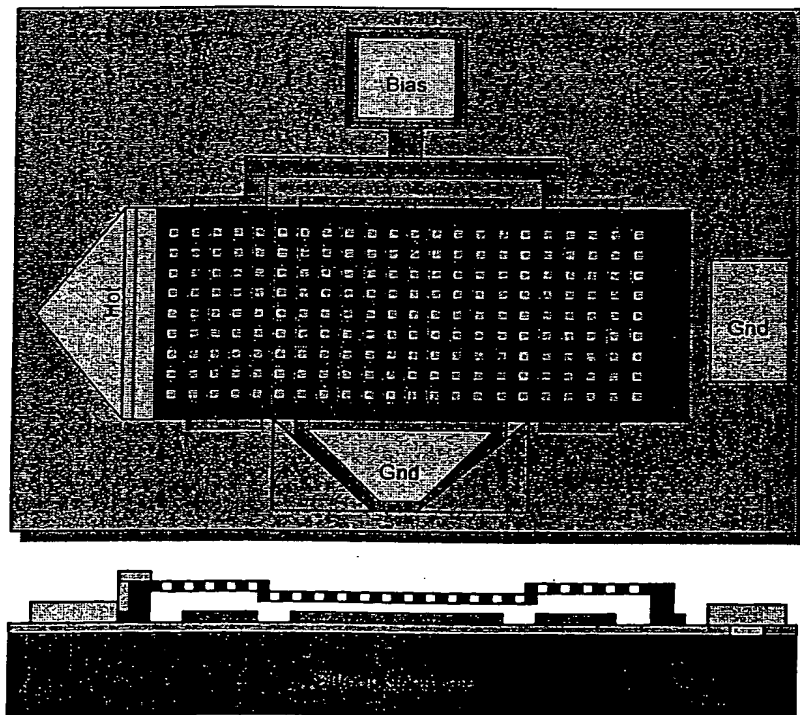
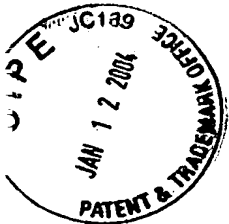


Fig. 10c



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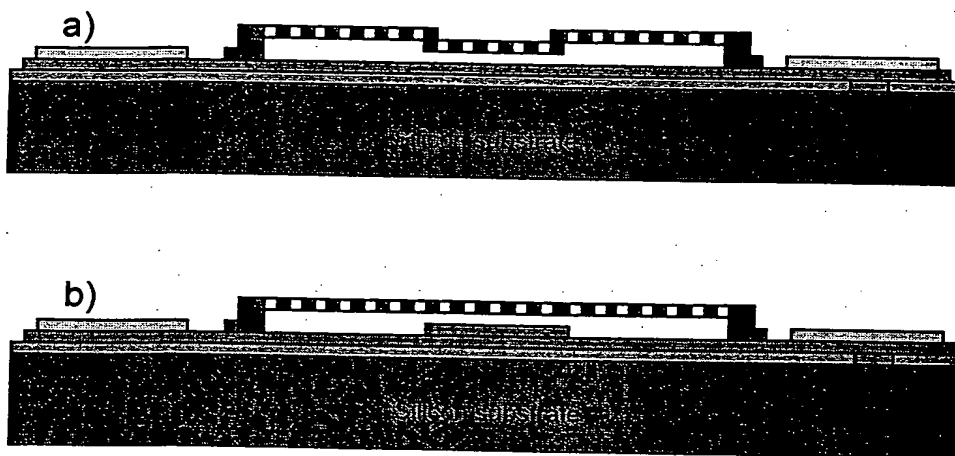
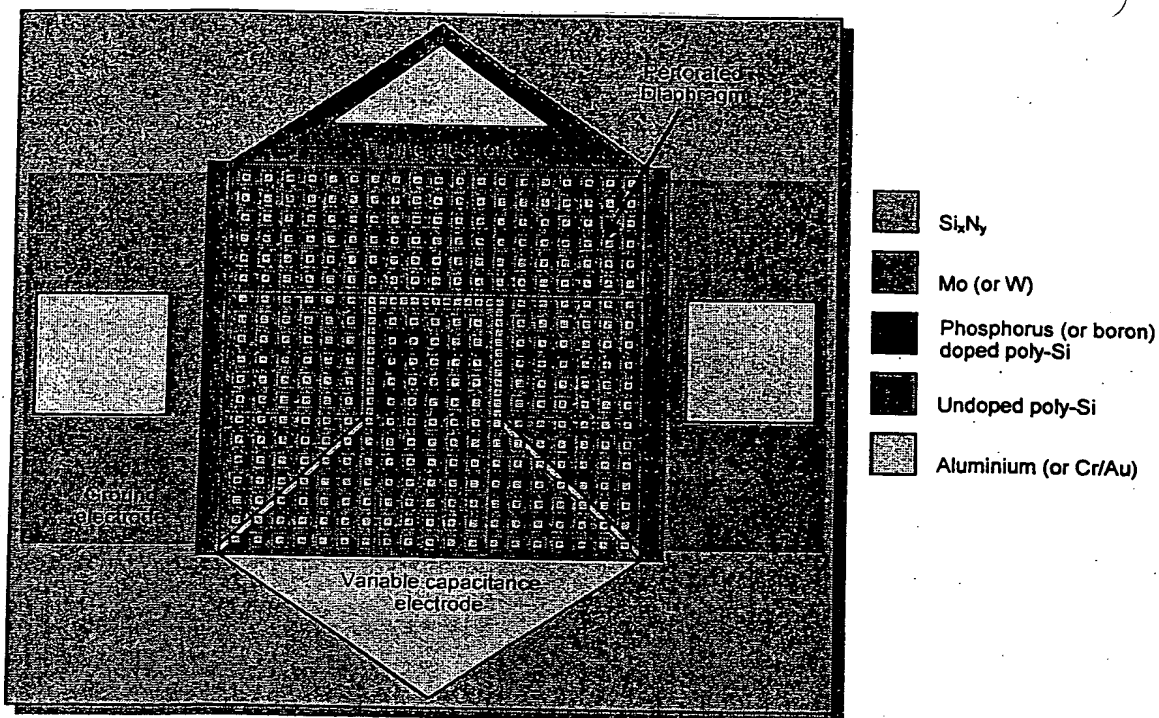


Fig. 10a,b

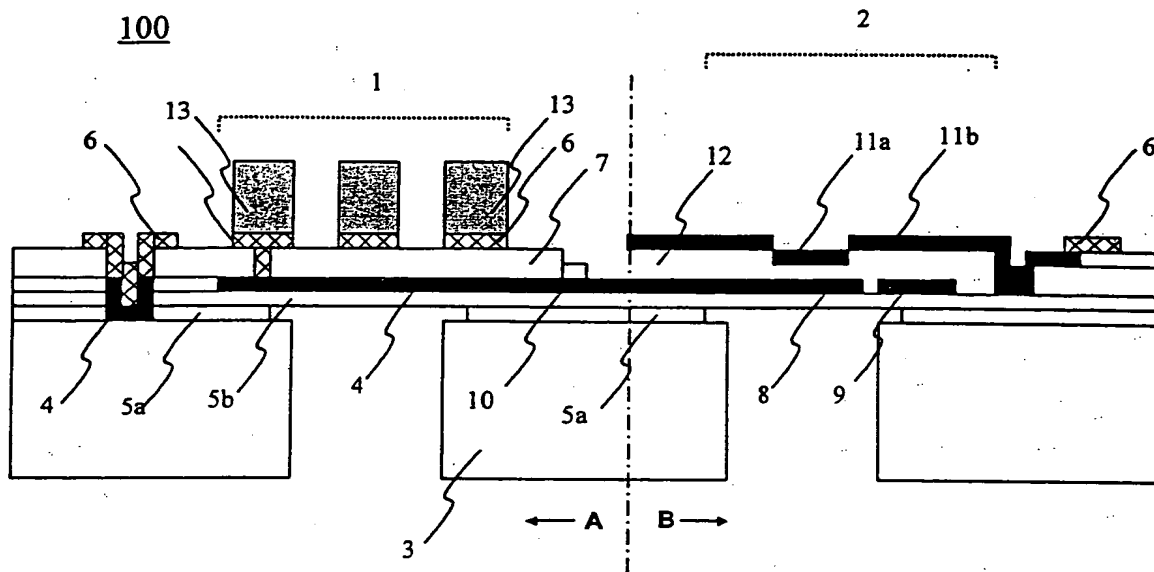
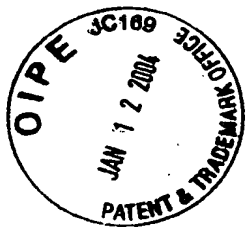


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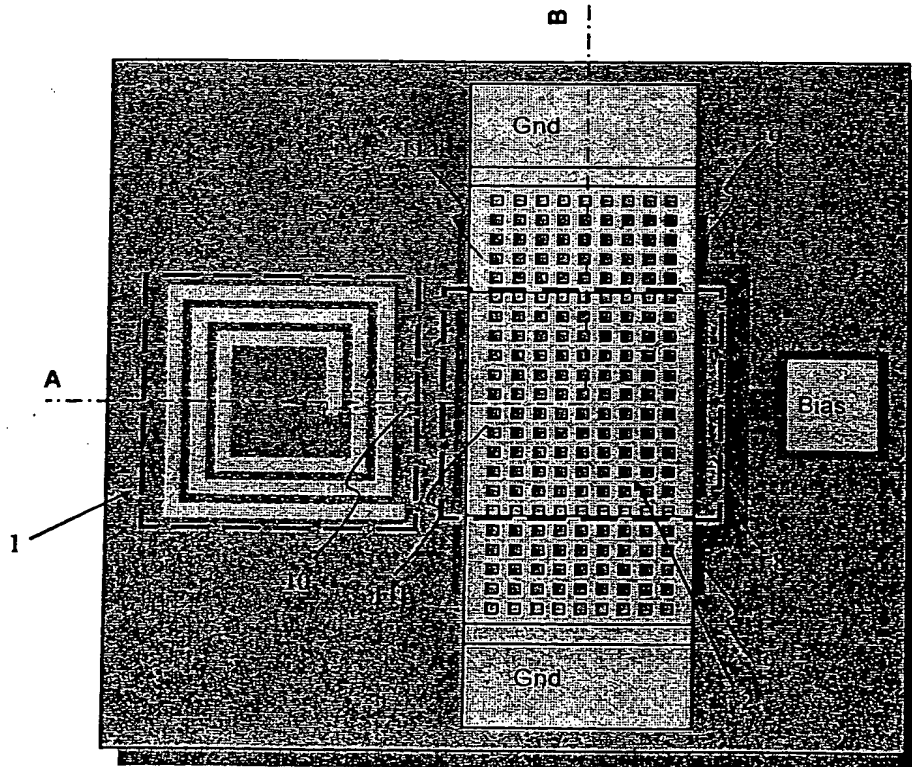
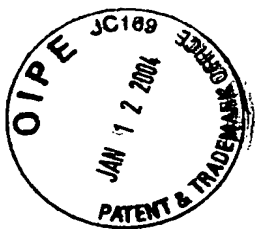


FIG. 11b



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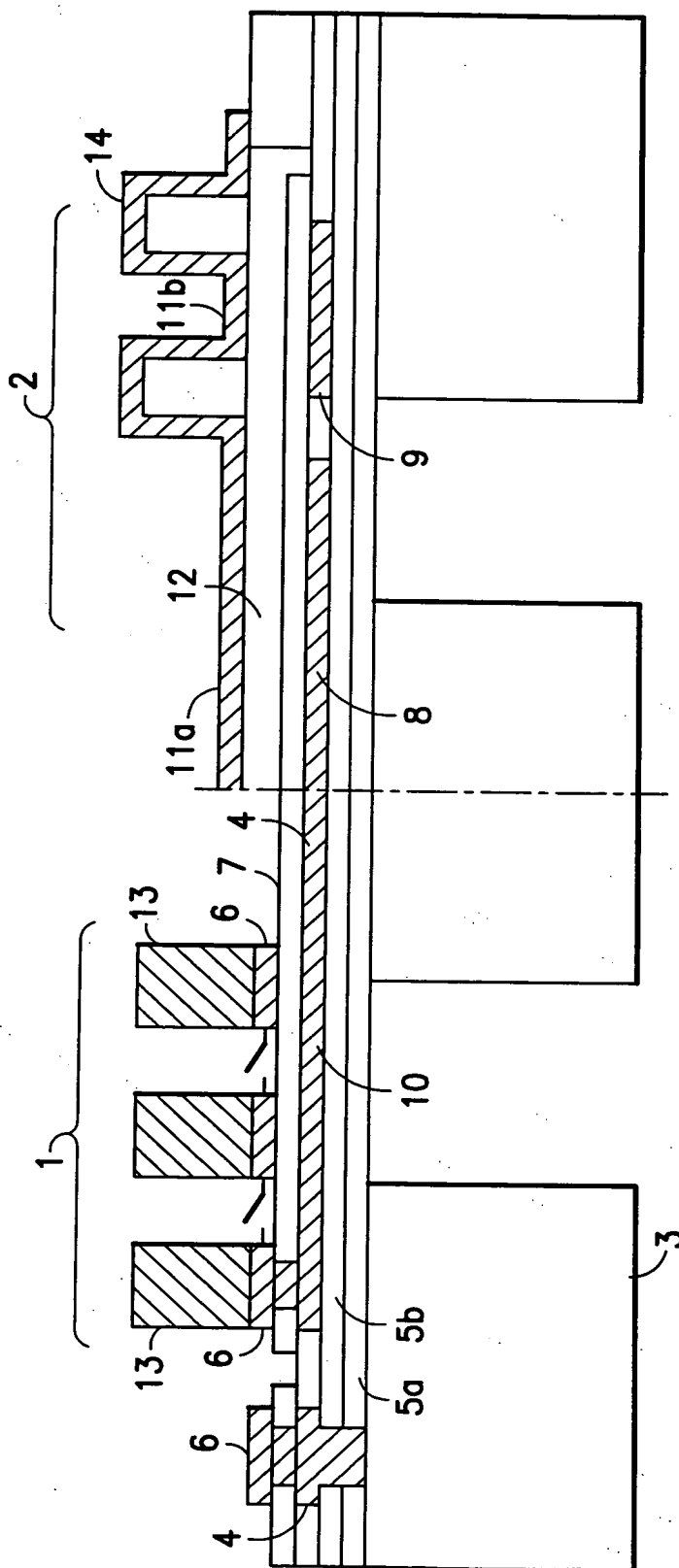


FIG.12